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I have just cancelled my AOL subscription upon learning that they had joined the attack on Microsoft. To create a product and sell it with conditions is neither immoral, nor illegal, and the Sherman anti-trust act is being once more used in a contradictory, unfair, and unjust manner. AOL has in no way been wronged by Microsoft and neither has Internet Explorer. I personally use microsoft products everyday, and they are well designed and quality products. Microsoft is the shining example of American productivity and achievement and is personally inspiring to me. It seems that the original American values, ingenuity, independence, economic and social freedom, are quickly being destroyed by overregulation, concern for the public good at the expense of the individual, and "economic rights." Their is no right to a profit, nor to success, and the states and corporations suing Microsoft should take notice of the fact. Microsoft has never used physical coercion to pursue it's "interests." The same cannot be said for the United States Government.

I am an intelligent, competent and capable young man, but watching what's being done to Bill Gates I feel a hesitation to pursue achievements of my own in this nation. I could not keep quiet, as he has, and watch, while people who could not have written a single line of Explorer's code determine the future of his lifes work, of his personal achievements, and prevent him from being able to plan a single day ahead, as he cannot plan for the arbitrary whims of society. Someday, a nation will inherit the moral legacy which the founders of this nation reached nearest, and the productive and intelligent members of this society will desert.

You read these letters, because the opinions of the majority seem to be surpassing in importance the notion of individual rights. Its Socrates execution all over again.

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